## REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office action mailed December 7, 2009. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect to prosecute one of two groups of claims identified in the Office Action. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, corresponding to claims 1-9 and 14-34 without traverse. Non-elected claims 10-13 (corresponding to Group II) are hereby canceled without disclaimer, prejudice, or waiver.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to present the non-elected claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequent to the present application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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